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## Version with markings to show changes made

## In the claims:

Claims 38-50, inclusive have been cancelled.

Claims 15, 18, 21, 29, 35 and 51 have been amended as follows:

15. (twice amended) A system for stirring paint in an insertable can, comprising:

a can cover with a rotatable paint stirrer [that includes a rotatable drive shaft];

a can support shelf;

a stirring head positioned above the shelf that engages the stirrer when the can is inserted on the shelf, and

an interference arm extending from above the location of the can downwardly toward the shelf that mechanically interferes with the cover as a stop against rotation in a single direction to prevent rotation of the cover in the same direction of rotation of the stirrer [as the stirrer rotates],

a region between the stirring head and the shelf for inserting a can for stirring, the region being free of obstructions that would restrain insertion of the can or the cover to a single orientation on the shelf.

- 18. (amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the interference arm is pivotable with respect to the stirring head.
- 21. (amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the paint stirrer includes a rotatable drive shaft, and further including an engaging member connected to the stirring head, the engaging member engaging an upper portion of the drive shaft.

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29. (twice amended) A system for stirring paint in a can, comprising:

a can cover with a paint stirrer that includes a rotatable drive shaft;

a can support shelf; and

a stirring head positioned above the shelf that engages the stirrer when the can is inserted on the shelf, the stirring head comprising a body including an interference arm that extends downwardly toward the shelf that prevents rotation of the cover as the stirrer rotates by mechanically interfering with the cover as a stop against rotation in a single direction to prevent rotation of the cover in the same direction of rotation of the stirrer and an engaging member for engaging a portion of the drive shaft extending above the can cover.

a region between the stirring head and the shelf for inserting a can for stirring, the region being free of obstructions that would restrain insertion of the can or the cover to a single orientation on the shelf.

- 35. (amended) The system of claim 30 or 32 wherein the interference arm is pivotable with respect to the stirring head.
- 51. (amended) The system of any one of claims 15, 16 or 29[, or the head of claims 38 or 44] wherein the head is connected to a hollow shelf arranged above the paint can cover.